

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Tianqing He et al.

Confirmation No. 2502

Application No.: 10/714,471

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: November 15, 2003

Examiner: Jiping Lu

For: **Device and Methods for Rapid Drying of Porous Materials**

Date: October 22, 2009

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED APPLICATION**

Sir:

I. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181

Applicant respectfully requests that the abandonment status of the above-referenced application be withdrawn due to the loss by the USPTO of a reply (Appeal Brief and associated fee) timely filed by Applicant as will be discussed below. A Notice of Abandonment ("Notice") for the above-identified application was mailed on November 12, 2008 to the correspondence address of the prior attorney of record. The Notice states that the application became abandoned because the Appeal brief filed on 27 February 2008 was not acceptable for the reasons indicated below:

- (a) the Appeal brief and/or the brief fee was untimely; and
- (b) the statutory fee for filing the brief was not submitted.

Mr. Michael Mauney, prior patent counsel for the Applicant, states that he (personally) timely mailed the Appeal brief on December 13, 2007 along with the brief fee in the form of a check for \$255 and a return receipt postcard. Copies of check number 4234 with the brief fee payment and the return receipt postcard are attached at Tab A. A copy of the accompanying transmittal cover letter with a Certificate of mailing and the "Certificate of Service" certifying that the "foregoing brief" was deposited in a prepaid first class envelope on December 13, 2007 addressed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference are also attached at Tab A. Mr. Mauney has stated that he has never received the returned check or the return receipt postcard. Mr. Mauney also states that he did

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